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SHIFT REGISTER IMPLEMENTATIONS OF

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified, concurrently filed patent application, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims

Replace claim 19 with the following amended version of claim 19:

19. (Amended) First-in/first-out memory circuitry
comprising:

write counter circuitry configured to count, in a Gray code, half cycles of a write clock signal that is synchronized with successive write data words;

read counter circuitry configured to count, in double increments of the Gray code, a read clock signal;

first shift register circuitry configured to shift in Gray code count data produced by the write counter and to output a Gray code count selected based on double-increment count data produced by the read counter circuitry; and

second shift register circuitry configured to shift in write data words in synchronism with the write

